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TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on August 24, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Absent was Louis Gesauldi. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, Tom Arcari of Quisenberry Arcari Architects, and Tom Walsh, Paul Shamas and Jonathan Seymour of AP Construction.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Architect's Report

Mr. Arcari noted that the new plans for the Mather Center took to heart the value engineering suggestions offered from AP. The new pricing reflects the reductions in program elements.

b) Construction Manager's Report

The Construction Manager first provided an update on the budget for the Board of Education Central Office. Mr. Seymour discussed the scope changes with Mr. Malik to make sure that the new estimate accurately reflects the changes in work. Add alternates were calculated for roof replacement with the proposed estimate carrying only costs for repairs to the roof. A separate cost was also calculated for work to be performed in the former Children's Room. The cost to provide restrooms in the lower level would have to be added to the add alternate work in the Children's Room.

Mr. Seymour noted that costs were added to the site work to account for a handicapped ramp at the staff entrance and to allow for 4 additional site lights. Additionally, the costs of the new stair and skylight were added back into the project budget.

Mr. Arcari stated that the architects agree that the scope in the drawings is now full in the estimate. However, the architects own construction estimate identified three areas that might be too high in the construction manager's estimate which totals \$245,000 and needs to be reconciled. He noted differences in drywall and overall MEP costs which may be a result of plumbing assumptions. General conditions were also questioned. Chairman Guimond asked the Mr. Malik reconfirm with the Fire Marshal the need for sprinklers with the Children's Room assembly area removed from the project.

The Mather Center project budget was distributed. Mr. Shamas reviewed the changes which included adding an allowance for hazardous materials abatement; the addition of roof replacement which was a miscommunication with the architect and the Committee could cut \$120,000 from the budget as a result; equipment costs for the kitchen were added but then reduced by \$50,000 as some of those costs were carried in the soft costs; and an allowance

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was provided for AV, security and tel/data wiring which was reduced by \$40,000 due to security decisions and that AV was in the soft costs.

The prior savings estimate of \$200,000 for elimination of the turn-around was discussed with Mr. Shamas. The amount was debated and Mr. Shamas would confirm the possible amounts.

c) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee

Chairman Guimond noted that the presentation to the Board of Selectmen would occur on September 19, 2011. The Committee discussed the timing of the Board of Education presentation relative to other boards.

Mr. Hertz moved, seconded by Ms. Hagerty-Ross, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2011. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Woods abstaining.

Ms. Hagerty-Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Hertz, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 12, 2011. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Woods abstaining.

Ms. Woods moved, seconded by Ms. Hagerty-Ross, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 22, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff
Administrative Officer